

Jessica Gearino-Harrison

-6 Month Struggle to Get help



Representative Brooke Green,
Jessica Best Friend

Jessica Gearino-
Harrison,

1982-2019

Suicide
37 Years Old





2017-2019

Executive Director

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2010-2017

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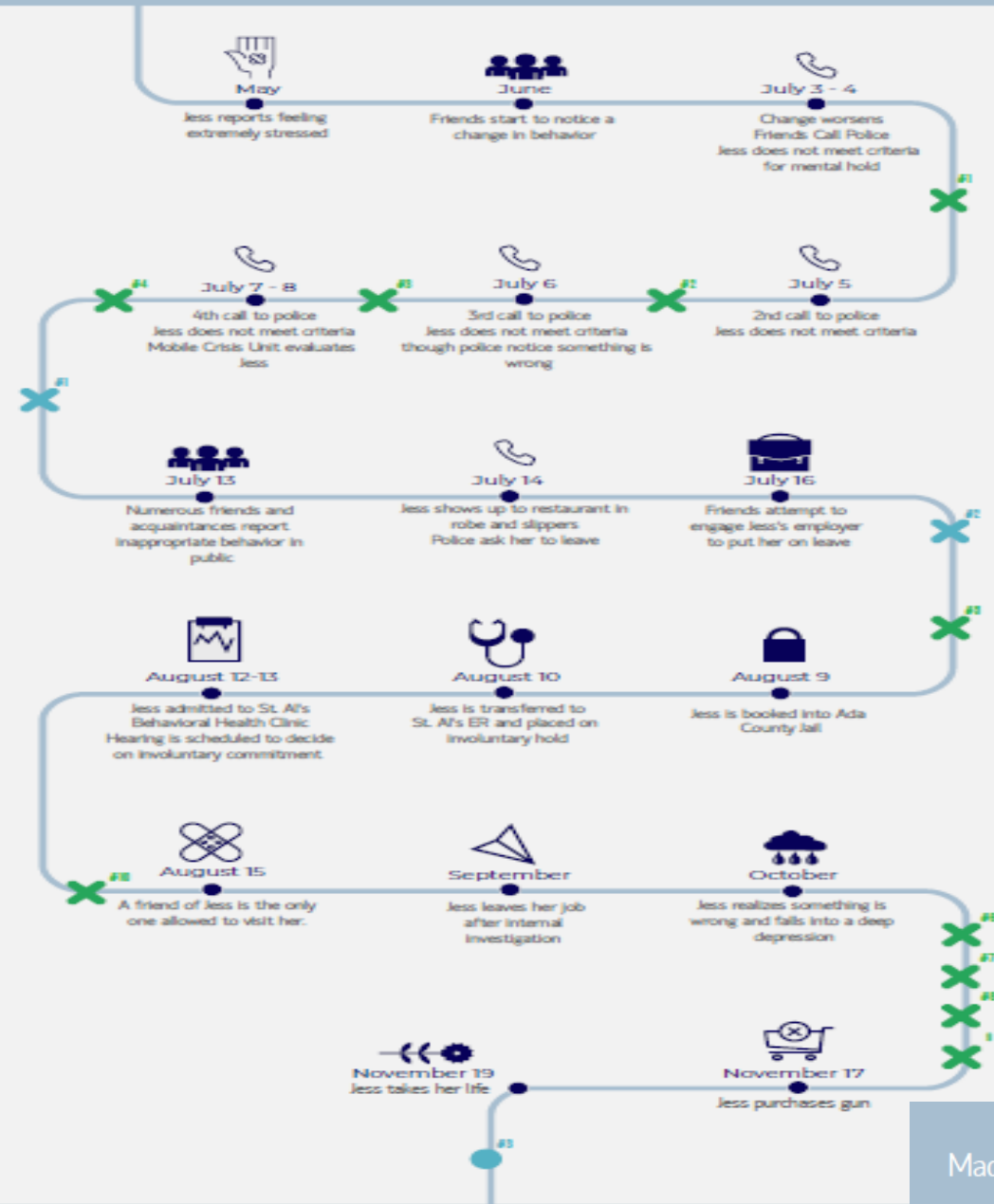


6 Months Struggle By the #'s

- ▶ 15 Friends & 1 Mother
- ▶ 11 Times Law Enforcement Visited Jessica House
- ▶ 4 Time Mobile Crisis Unit was Called
- ▶ 1 Arrest
- ▶ 1 Admit into Behavioral Health Facility
- ▶ 1 Evaluation
- ▶ 6 Jessica Arrest was in the news
- ▶ 1 Jessica Obituary was in the news

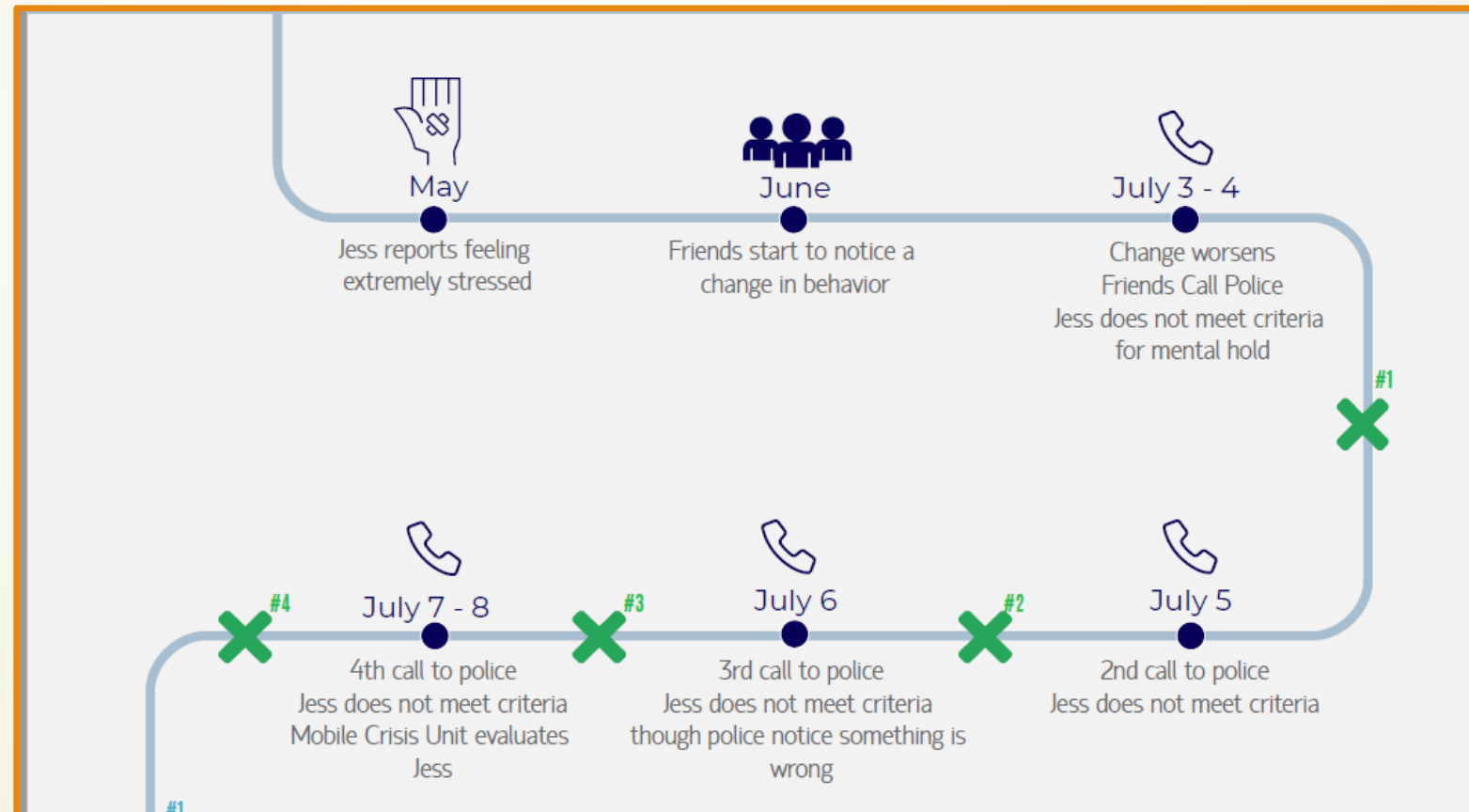
A Timeline of Jessica's Experience in Idaho's Continuum of Care

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GEARINO, JESSICA LEE

BOISE, ID

Age: 36
Booking Date: Thu 8/8
Time: 5:10 PM
Status: I

Charge Count: 2

Agency:	08SO
Severity:	M
Charge:	DISTURBING THE PEACE
Statute:	I18-6409
Appear:	8/9/2019
Agency:	08SO
Severity:	M
Charge:	1ST OFFENSE TRESPASS - FAILURE TO DEPART
Statute:	I18-7008(3)(a)(i)(2)
Appear:	8/9/2019



July 16

Friends attempt to
engage Jess's employer
to put her on leave

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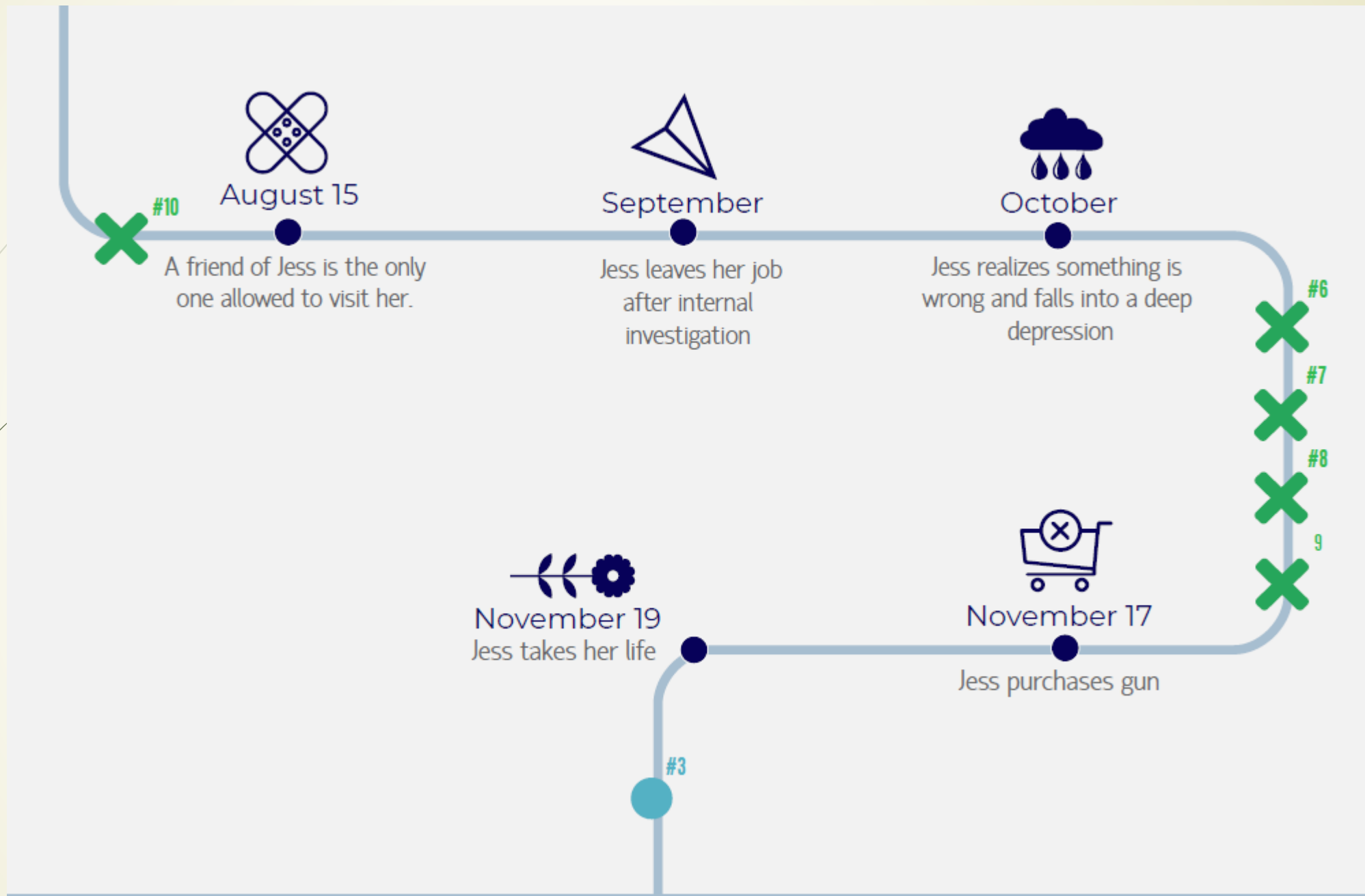
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Jess is booked into Ada
County Jail

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Last photo together-June 2019





10 Policy Changes Recommended



Create a more robust CIT training schedule to allow more officers to be trained in the model. Consider expanding the training to allow for other police department personnel throughout the state to attend and receive certification.

Change verbiage in Idaho Code 66-326 (2) to match Code 66-329 (5) so that individuals found to be a danger to themselves or others do not have to meet requirements of imminent harm to be placed on an involuntary hold.

Consider adding statutory authority for Mobile Crisis Unit Assessment Teams to request transport by police department officers to a local hospital or mental health setting for further evaluation of risk of harm to self or others.

Consider implementing a centralized drop off to identified facilities (e.g. mental health facility, behavioral health center, or hospital) throughout the state. Include a provision for those facilities to implement a no refusal policy.



Change Idaho Code § 66-329 to remove the requirement for certification by two professionals for emergency evaluation. Idaho code, in regard to dedicated examiners in some instances, should match § 66-326 which only requires one evaluation by a designated examiner.

Require a waiting period for the purchase of firearms.

Create infrastructure so that Idaho can operate as a Point of Contact state.

Implement a strict time frame for reporting disqualifying factors to the NICS.

Instate Gun Violence Restraining Order laws to allow state officials (and other specified individuals) to petition for the temporary suspension of firearms from individuals who pose a threat to themselves or others as a result of mental illness.



Areas for Further Research

1. Create infrastructure for mental health resources to share one database
2. Resources for Nonprofits
3. Provide path to families to access records